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## ***SBA ANNOUNCES NEWLY-EXPANDED ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA***

**WASHINGTON** -- Joseph P. Loddo, District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Washington Metropolitan Area District Office announced the expansion of the local Advisory Council during a kick-off meeting held Thursday, November 21, 2002, at the district office. He was joined by Allegra McCullough, Regional Administrator, SBA Region 3, in making this announcement.

**"I am excited about the numerous possibilities that our expanded District Advisory Council can yield in terms of increasing SBA's effectiveness within the small business communities that we serve. I look forward to a great working relationship as we strive to carry out Administrator Hector Barreto's vision for the SBA,"** said Loddo.

District Advisory Councils advise and make recommendations to SBA on the effectiveness of existing programs and services and serve as links to the local business community, and public and private sector organizations.

The Council is comprised of top business leaders representing chambers of commerce and trade associations, the banking community, and the small business community. Subcommittees will be organized that are reflective of the five geographical trade areas in the Washington metropolitan area.

**"SBA is committed to helping America's small businesses and providing them with the tools that they need to succeed and grow. The District Advisory Council will play a vital role in this effort through the advice and recommendations made locally,"** said McCullough.

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The kick-off meeting also provided an opportunity for the members to meet one another and discuss key issues affecting the small business community locally. M. Charito Kruvant, President and CEO of Creative Associates International, Inc., Washington, DC, is the chair of the Washington Metropolitan Area District Advisory Council.

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To read biographical information about the Advisory Council members, visit [www.sba.gov/dc/advisory-council-bios.html](http://www.sba.gov/dc/advisory-council-bios.html) .

For information about the SBA Washington Metropolitan Area District Office, visit our website at [www.sba.gov/dc](http://www.sba.gov/dc).

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